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SUBJ: UN FORCES IN LEBANON

1. ON APRIL 7 QUAI UN DIRECTOR LECOMPT ASKED
MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICER IF USG COULD USE ITS
INFLUENCE IN FAVOR OF MORE COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN
UNIFIL. HE SAID GOF IS WORRIED THAT FRENCH FORCES
NOW REPRESENT ONE HALF OF UNIFIL AND PRESENT UN
SECRETARIAT PLANNING WOULD BRING THIS DOWN EVENTUALLY
TO ONE THIRD -- WHEREAS PARIS VERY MUCH HOPES THAT ITS
PARTICIPATION COULD BE BROUGHT DOWN TO ONE QUARTER OF
TOTAL UNIFIL CONTINGENT.

2. ACCORDING LECOMPT, MEXICO HAS TURNED DOWN UNSYG
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WALDHEIM'S INVITATION TO CONTRIBUTE TROOPS AND SYG HAS
NO OTHER PLANS FOR LATIN AMERICAN PARTICIPATION.
CANADIANS HAVE ALSO DECIDED NOT TO CONTRIBUTE TO
LOGISTIC BASE OF UNIFIL BY SUPPLYING COMMUNICATIONS
TRANSMISSION CAPABILITY; GOF CONSIDERS CANADA
PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE IN THIS ROLE BECAUSE CANADIAN
COMMO TECHNICIANS ARE BILINGUAL FRENCH-ENGLISH.

NIGERIA HAS NOT RESPONDED TO SYG INVITATION TO
CONTRIBUTE TROOPS, ACCORDING LECOMPT.

3. POINTING OUT THAT USG IS PARTICULARLY INFLUENTIAL
WITH CANADA, MEXICO AND NIGERIA, LECOMPT ASKED IF
WASHINGTON COULD INTERVENE AS APPROPRIATE TO URGE
WIDEST POSSIBLE SPREAD OF TROOP CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNIFIL.
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